

**November 14, 2006**  
**Montana Medicaid Notice**  
**Ambulatory Surgical Centers**

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**Changes to ASC Payment Rates**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published a revised list of CPT/HCPCS procedure codes and payment rates for Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) facilities, effective January 1, 2007. Medicare's ASC payment groups 1-9 determine the amount that Medicare pays for facility services furnished in connection with a covered procedure. Montana Medicaid previously used Medicare rates for groups 1-8 but paid codes not covered by Medicare in an ASC setting at 55 percent of billed charges.

**Effective January 1, 2007, Montana Medicaid will *only* pay for services in an ASC setting if the CPT/HCPCS code is on the updated CMS list. Also, codes previously paid by Medicaid at 55 percent of charges will be reimbursed using Medicare's payment rate. In other words, Medicaid is adopting all of Medicare's methodology for ASC facilities effective January 1, 2007.**

The 2007 ASC Approved CPT/HCPCS Codes and Payment Rates can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ASCPayment>.

Questions should be directed to John Hein, Medicaid Program Officer, at (406) 444-4349.

**Contact Information**

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

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